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Committee on Ways and Means  
Chairman Dave Camp  
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Dear Committee Members:

I, Kenneth B. Maurer a wind energy advocate in Omaha, NE. respectfully urge Congress to extend the wind energy production tax credit as swiftly as possible in order to prevent the loss of tens of thousands of jobs in the industry.

While I can understand the reluctance to provide further tax energy credits during this troubling economic period, I think not passing it would only create additional hardships. Failure to pass the PTC will only lead us towards further dependence on foreign oil. The only sensible way to break the grip of this dependence is to provide alternative energy sources in the United States. "The answer my friend is blowing in the wind"

The wind energy credits helped the technology grow from 9,000 megawatts in 2004 to over 46,000 megawatts today. With this growth we have seen rural communities revitalized or reenergized with jobs. Our country needs the PTC to help drive in investment dollars that bring in wind turbine manufacturing ,wind farm construction and long term wind turbine maintenance jobs. These jobs drive community growth.

We have seen a turnaround in our auto industry, but for that to continue to grow along with other American industries we need to support American jobs. Please, do what's right for America and support this tax credit that provides incentive for the wind industry to keep this country moving on its path to energy independence.

Sincerely,

Kenneth B. Maurer